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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently amended) A construction for preventing diffusion of pollution in a polluted land, the construction comprising a wall member for preventing pollution diffusion installed underground in a polluted land for partitioning between a polluted soil side and a non-polluted soil side in the land; wherein the wall member is formed of wall forming material having a water-permeability and containing a uniformly mixed rare earth compound carried therein; and wherein said wall forming material forming the wall member is provided in the form of a ceramics block containing granules of the rare earth compound mixed therein.
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Original) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 1, wherein said wall forming material comprises granules formed by mixing a water-absorptive substance and the rare earth compound together.
- 4. (Original) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 1, wherein said wall forming material comprises a mixture of granules of the rare earth compound and a material of grains larger in diameter than the rare earth compound granules.
- 5. (Previously presented) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 4, wherein said grain material comprise glass cullet.
- 6. (Original) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 1, wherein said rare earth compound comprises ceric oxide hydrate or ceric hydroxide.

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